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SUBJECT: NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, EYE OF JEFFERSON

EXHIBIT

1. UFFIZI GALLERY, IN LAST MINUTE NOTICE, REQUIRES THAT INSURANCE POLICY FOR VENERE DEI MEDICI BE IN THEIR HANDS PRIOR TO ANY MOVEMENT OF STATUE. STATUE INSURED FOR FIVE BILLION LIRE AS OF APRIL 21, 1976; POLICY DELIVERED BY NATIONAL GALLERY TO ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND DISPATCHED BY DIPLOMATIC COURIER TO ITALY SATURDAY APRIL 24, BUT NOT YET RECEIVED BY PROPER AUTHORITIES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR DELIVERY BY COURIER TO UFFIZI.

2. PENDING RECEIPT OF ACTUAL POLICY, UFFIZI WILLING TO ACCEPT FORMAL LETTER FROM EMBASSY GUARANTEEING INSURANCE IN AMOUNT OF FIVE BILLION LIRE. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL PREPARED DEPART THIS EVENING WITH EITHER POLICY OR LETTER FOR UFFIZI.

3. URGENCY OVERRIDING. STATUE MUST BE ABOARD SHIP IN GENOA APRIL 29 AND MUST BE PACKED AND TRUCKED THERE. NEED IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR EMBASSY TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR EQUAL AMOUNT OF INSURANCE, PENDING ARRIVAL OF POLICY CERTIFICATION AT UFFIZI.VOLPE

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